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SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT: CUBAN SPEECH

1. SUMMARY: CARLOS RAFAEL RODRIGUEZ, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER OF CUBA, ADDRESSED NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT CONFERENCE ON WIDR RANGE OF CUBAN INTERESTS. HIS PREOCCUPATION WITH ANGOLA REDUCED COMMENTS ON PUERTO RICO AND PANAMA TO SHORT PARAGRAPHS, OF EXPECTED TONE. OTHER JABS AT US WERE FREQUENT AS HE BLAMED USG POLICIES FOR WORLDWIDE RECESSION AND ACCUSED CIA OF DESTABLIZATION IN CARIBBEAN. HE PRAISED USSR'S "VALIANT DECISION" TO HELP IN ANGOLA BATTLES. ON ECONOMIC SIDE, HE STRESSED CUBA'S BELIEF THAT OPEC'S WEALTH SHOULD BE USED TO GREATER EXTENT FOR WORLD DEVELOPMENT. END SUMMARY.

2. DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER OF CUBA AND HEAD OF DELEGATION TO NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE, CARLOS RAFAEL RODRIGUEZ, ADDRESSED SUMMIT AUGUST 18 AND APOLOGIZED FOR CASTRO'S ABSENCE, SAYING THAT PREPARATION OF FIRST FIVE-YEAR PLAN AND IMMINENCE OF "FIRST GENUINELY DEMOCRATIC ELECTION IN OUR HISTORY" HAD PREVENTED CASTRO FROM COMING.

3. HE SPOKE AT LENGTH ON ANGOLA, CITING IT AS EXAMPLE OF WHO IS FIGHTING GOOD FIGHT FOR INDEPENDENCE  
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IN TODAY'S WORLD AND WHO IS THE ENEMY. CUBANS, HE SAID,

WENT TO ANGOLA UNDER BANNER OF INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY, WHICH IS WHAT UNITES NAM. HE PRAISED SOVIETS FOR THEIR "VALIANT DECISION" WHICH PROVIDED TECHNICAL MEANS FOR ANGOLANS AND CUBANS TO SMASH SOUTH AFRICANS. RODRIGUEZ REITERATED POSITION ON PRESENCE OF CUBAN TROOPS SAYING "ON STARTING GRADUAL WITHDRAWAL OF ITS SOLIDARITY FORCES, CUBA REAFFIRMED ITS COMMITMENT THAT CUBANS WOULD REMAIN AS LONG AS AND IN THE NUMBER THAT (NETO) DEEMED NECESSARY."

4. BY CONTRAST WITH ANGOLA, PUERTO RICO AND CANAL ZONE RECEIVED RELATIVELY LITTLE ATTENTION IN SPEECH. FULL LANGUAGE IS: "THERE IS NO COLONIAL SITUATION AS SERIOUS AND IRRITATING AS THAT OF PUERTO RICO, NOR IS THERE AN ATTITUDE ON THE PART OF THE COLONIZING COUNTRIES AS INSOLENT AND OBSTINATE AS THAT OF THE US AUTHORITIES WHO PRETEND TO DEMAND THAT THE PUERTO RICO ISSUE BE CONSIDERED AN INTERNAL AFFAIR OF THE US. THE SUMMIT SHOULD ADEQUATELY RESPOND TO THESE PRETENSIONS, SUPPORT THE UN DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE'S AGREEMENTS AND REAFFIRM THAT THE ONLY LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PUERTO RICAN PEOPLE IS ITS NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENT. THE SAME COLONIAL INSOLENT IS REVEALED BY THE UNITED STATES PERMANENCE IN THE PANAMA CANAL ZONE AND THE PRESSURES IT EXERTS ON THE PANAMANIAN GOVERNMENT IN ORDER THAT IT GIVES UP THE DEMANDS FOR TOTAL SOVEREIGNTY IT HAS FIRMLY MAINTAINED IN THE CANAL NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE SUPPORT OF ALL LATIN AMERICA AND THE INTERNATIONAL DEMOCRATIC COMMUNITY. PANAMA NEEDS AND WILL RECEIVE THE SUPPORT OF THE NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES IN THE COLOMBO MEETING."

5. TURNING TO ECONOMIC ISSUES, RODRIGUEZ BLAMED US DEFICIT FINANCING AND INFLATIONARY POLICIES FOR BRINGING ON WORLD RECESSION BUT ADMITTED THAT "HISTORY DOES NOT PRESENT US IMMEDIATE ALTERNATIVE OF SEVERING TIES WITH CAPITALIST ECONOMIC AREA TO RELY ON COOPERATION WITH SOCIALIST COUNTRIES FOR DEVELOPMENT." INTERESTINGLY, HE MADE POINT THAT UNCLASSIFIED

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THAT, WHILE CUBA SUPPORTS OPEC'S RIGHT TO FAIR VALUE FOR ITS PERISHABLE WEALTH, CASTRO HAS PROCLAIMED THE RICH OPEC COUNTRIES' DUTY TOWARD THEIR UNDERDEVELOPED BROTHERS. HE STRESSED THAT OPEC SHOULD CONTRIBUTE TO DEVELOPMENT MORE THAN IT DOES AT PRESENT.

6. IN OTHER JABS AT US, HE CLAIMED THAT CARIBBEAN, GUYANA, AND JAMAICA ARE BEGINNING TO SUFFER "SAME

DESTABILIZATION MANEUVERS CIA EMPLOYED TO INTERRUPT CHILEAN DEMOCRATIC PROCESS." HE CRITICIZED US VETOS OF VIETNAMESE AND ANGOLAN ADMISSION TO UN AND CASTIGATED ECONOMIC THREATS OF US AND OTHER CAPITALIST POWERS AGAINST DEMOCRATIC ELECTORAL DECISIONS OF ITALIANS. THE PRESIDENT OF YUGOSLAVIA, HE COMMENTED IN PASSING, WAS "COMPELLED TO REJECT BLACKMAIL BY AN ARROGANT US AMBASSADOR."

7. NO MENTION WAS MADE OF GUANTANAMO. ON THE KOREAN QUESTION, RODRIGUEZ SAID ONLY THAT THE SOUTH "BECOMES AN EVER GREATER MILITARY BASTION, MAINTAINED AND ENCOURAGED AGAINST DPRK BY THE YANKEES, WHO OPPOSE REUNIFICATION OF KOREAN PEOPLE."

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